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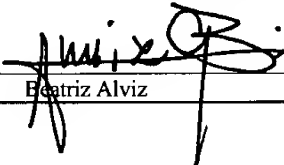
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated August 22, 2003. A three-month extension in which to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition and Fee for extending the response period three months, up to and including February 22, 2004 is enclosed

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.